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- 25X1 1. In the work shops of the Military Technical Institute (Vojno Tehnicki Zavod)
25X1 at Kragujevac, experiments are being carried out with solid-fuel rockets,
25X1 for use in anti-tank warfare.
- 25X1 2. A new feature is the incorporation in the rocket of a charge of special
explosive, which, following a direct hit upon the armor of a tank, immediately
develops a very high temperature, superior to that of Thermite or
oxyacetylene, which is sufficient to melt armor of considerable thickness.
3. In this way, the rockets pierce the armor and then explode inside the tank,
generally putting it out of action.
4. This special explosive, containing a percentage of plastic explosive, is
manufactured in the state powder works at Kamnik, 19 kilometers north of
Ljubljana, which produces about 40 tons of various explosives a week.
These explosives are usually stored in the central engineering depot at
Kraljevo, where they are regularly distributed to the military technical
institute.
5. The rockets are similar to those launched by the German Panzerfaust, or
Panzerschreck, but are twice as heavy as the German projectiles and can
penetrate 15 cm. of armor.
6. Being too heavy for individual use, the rockets are constructed so that
they can be launched from Katyushas.
7. At the end of May 1949, successful tests with these rockets launched from
Katyushas were made near Slavonski Brod. The Katyushas were constructed in
a special military section of the Institute denominated "V.T.O. - 68/B".

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